

Africa Day - The Work of God Can Never be Destroyed

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I enjoy the spirit in this room. I feel very warm. There is so much happening. There is so much pain in Africa. There are so many challenges.

I was born in the Police Barracks. My Dad was a Police officer. It was very tough being a son who lives in the Police Barracks. I had to be very disciplined. I came out to live a righteous life. I met the founder of this Movement in 1982 when I was 18 years old.



African Dignity

There was previously a Universal Peace Federation conference in Malta that examined what Europe could do for Africa. I do know that African people have dignity. They will not be so excited asking, 'give me this or give me that...' Normal Africans, even if they are very hungry when visiting a friend's house, they will not finish a meal when they eat to show that they are not really hungry. In reality they are very hungry. The host has to insist that you eat. This is the kind of dignity we have in Africa.

The point is not that we just want to receive but what can we really do for ourselves in Africa. We have to really grow to show the aspect of forgiveness. We can grow together equally. Father Moon said that Africa can begin to change and grow when it begins to give also and not to expect to receive.

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We can live interdependently by overcoming our suffering. Recently we had a meeting about UN Global Parents Day. Our Chairman that day shared his testimony that he was an orphan who raised himself up from nothing. He did not lament about his situation and now has properties in many nations. I was so touched by his account. We do not decide to be born where we are born.

Father Moon Loves Africa So Much

It is not a bad fortune that we are being born in Africa. It is a good thing and we can make a lot out of it. When the Founders of UPF, Father and Mother Moon, came to Nigeria in 2011 they met my President, Goodluck Jonathan. They told him three things. 'You need to resemble God. You need to have a pure lineage. You need to develop tradition.' It was a meeting of hard talk. It was not a soft meeting. Father Moon was yelling at Goodluck Jonathan for about 45 minutes. The president was looking at him as if he was saying, 'What is this man talking about?'

People have said that Nigeria is likely to split in the next three years. Father Moon said that was not correct but that Nigeria would continue to grow. He said if Nigeria starts to move then Africa can move. Father Moon loves Africa so much. I could see that he did not want to leave Nigeria. He was telling us that we have everything in Africa. In my country if you are eating mango and you drop it on the ground, it will grow by itself.

My Brother Kato is not just a Director General of Bauchi State Government. He is also a farmer. His hands are so strong. He grows his own food. He teaches people to farm and to set up their own businesses.

What I am saying is that we have everything we need in Africa. We just need to overcome our resentments. We allow our emotions to get away with us. We have to overcome this.

I want to sing a song in Yoruba. 'The work of God can never be destroyed.'

Pauline Etim-Ubah later tweeted, 'Why I love the UK and happy to support - Yoruba singing at the House of Lords yesterday. Beautiful, less talk more action mind you.'